

Hemel East Catholic

Our Lady Queen of all Creation &
The Church of the Resurrection.



**Bringing people to Jesus, forming disciples who
follow his teachings and sending them out to spread
his message of love and salvation.**

SUNDAYTHOUGHT

Today's gospel is from Christ's discourse at the Last Supper. He is preparing the disciples for mission, and reassuring them of his constant life-giving presence. In a clear analogy for the relationship between God and his people, Jesus tells them he is the "true vine". All those who respond to Jesus' call to abide with him become branches grafted to the vine. The Father is the owner of the vine. To abide in Jesus means to be in constant communion with him - to draw our strength from him, obey him, to love him and one another, resisting sin and following the promptings of the Holy Spirit. It means to know and give thanks that he is the source of our life and of every good thing we do; and that without him, we can do nothing.

Fruitfulness is not to be confused with success, nor productivity. Jesus is asking for relationships, connectedness, community. When we see our lives conforming to the example of Jesus - when we are loving, compassionate, humble, serving others - we know we are fruitful, as then our lives glorify God.

Yet fruitfulness is no guarantee of a pain free life. Pruning is needed to remove anything that inhibits growth, and it is ultimately for our spiritual benefit. Every branch that bears fruit is pruned in order to produce even more fruit, and no-one is exempt. Anger, pride, envy, selfishness - all this dead wood must go. God prunes his children as sees fit, and he alone decides the quality and quantity of fruit that pleases him. Even good things may have to be lost in order that other things may flourish. During this process remember God is close by, his hand is upon us - it is proof that he loves us personally and that we are his. Through faith, all the challenges and difficulties of our lives can be looked at as opportunities to become more Christ-like. If life is painful for you right now, consider prayerfully - what may be stopping your growth?

**5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
28 April 2024**

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HEMEL EAST NEWS

PRAYERS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

This month we focus on Persecuted Christians in North Korea. We are fortunate that we are able to practise our faith and follow the teachings of Jesus without fear of persecution. Each month we want to focus your prayers onto those for whom this is not the case. We encourage you to visit the prayer point in each church, take a moment to reflect and read the information on whom the prayer intentions are for.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

In May, St Michael's Catholic High School, in conjunction with Westminster Diocese, is organising a pilgrimage to Lourdes for approximately 20 disabled Catholic pilgrims. The school will take a group of pupils and teachers to assist the pilgrims on their journey as they are unable to make the pilgrimage without support. Katy Tang, a member of Our Lady's parish, and a pupil of St Michael's, has been selected to be part of the support group, and is fundraising to help cover the costs of both the support group and the pilgrims. To this end, there will be a second collection by Katy after Mass on Sunday. Please be generous with your donations! Alternatively, go to Go Fund Me account [gofund.me/71fba7a6].

WELCOME MASS AND EVENT

This Sunday at 12 Noon our Mass will be offered for all our parishioners. There will be a gathering in Meadow Hall afterwards and everyone is welcome. Come and make our new parishioners feel welcomed and get to know them.

JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL SEEKING EXAM INVIGILATORS FOR MAY / JUNE

The rate of pay is £11.44 per hour and full training will be provided. You would need to be available from 8.15am for morning exams and from 1pm for afternoon exams, some finishing at 4.30pm. Application forms can be found on the school website or contact the school if you would like a paper application. Please return or email your completed application form to efinal@jfk.herts.sch.uk. Applications should be submitted immediately, potentially candidates will be called for an interview as applications are received.

TEN POUND NOTE

We received half a ten pound note in the collection last week. The serial number is BM16149596. If you have the other half of the note and would like to donate this to the church to enable us to bank it, please give it to Fr Kim. Thank you.

RED BOXES (MISSIO)

If you are a parishioner at Our Lady's and you have a Red Box which needs emptying, please bring it to church and give it to Clare Borgeat. The money collected will be sent to Missio. Or contact David Toorawa on 07854416123.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

When submitting an item for the newsletter, please send the details and information as you would like to see it published in the newsletter. Please keep your item to no more than 60 words. Please email Shirley by Wednesday 12 Noon and she will do her best to accommodate it.

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES

If you require a baptismal certificate, please send the full name of the child, parents, godparents and the church in which they were baptised in to shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk and she will arrange a certificate for you.

GOING TO HOSPITAL

If you are going into Hospital and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain, please call the Chaplaincy office on 01923 217994 or 07776598704 for Watford and St Albans. West Herts Hospitals are currently looking to recruit a Catholic Chaplain.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass offered for a deceased family member or a friend, or for any other intention, do let Shirley Bailey know by emailing her at shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk or you can call her on 01442 210 610. It is customary to make an offering and the diocese recommends £10 per Mass and the proceeds go to support our priest. If this is unaffordable for you, please feel free to make an offering you can afford.

ACROSS THE DIOCESE

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE

They are holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1 June, from 11am until 430pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 19-26 JULY 2024

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30 April. Please see the church notice board for more information.

OTHER NEWS

YEAR OF ENCOUNTER

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25 April and Saturday 4 May to learn more.

HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14 until 16 June, call or text 07887 296983 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk



Welcome to Mass today. If you are new to the parish please join us for tea and coffee, in the Meadow Hall after the 10.30am and 12 noon Mass.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?: Please register with our parish via 'I'm New' on the parish website to keep up to date with all the parish events.

DONA DONATIONS



To help support our parish of Hemel East, we are providing you with an Online Donations Webpage. The donation page works across browsers, on a mobile phone, desktop and tablet devices, so that you can donate from home. Please scan the QR Code to donate.

FINANCE

PLANNED GIVING

Sunday Offertory Collection, for	14 & 21 April
Loose Cash (OLQ)	£1058.13
Loose Cash (GH)	£181.79
Envelopes	£215.00
Total	£1,454.92
Contactless Payments and Standing Orders for	March
Envelopes	£337.50
Standing Orders & Online	£4,316.50
Contactless & Loose Plate	£2,775.84
Total	£7,429.84

Thank you to all those who have made the switch to donating by Standing Order. For those who wish to donate in this way, the details are:

Account Name: **WRCDT Hemel East**

Sort Code: **40-05-20**

Account No: **81095021**

If you would like a standing order form emailed to you please contact the parish office. Thank you for your continued support.

OFFICE HOURS

Contact details can be found on the back page.

Telephone Cover	Office Hours
Monday 12 noon-6pm	Monday 12 noon-3pm
Tuesday 9.30am-3.30pm	Tuesday 9.30am-3.30pm
Wednesday 9.30am- 3.30pm	Wednesday Closed
Thursday 9.30am-3.30pm	Thursday 12.30pm-3.30pm
Friday 9.30am-3.30pm	Friday 12.30pm-3.30pm

PARISH CONTACTS	HOLY MASS INTENTIONS	
<p>01442 210 610</p> <p>The Presbytery Rant Meadow, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8PG</p> <p>www.hemeleasticatholic.org</p> <p>Parish Priest Fr Kim Addison (<i>Tel. opt. 4</i>) kaddison@rcdow.org.uk (<i>Day off is Wednesday</i>)</p> <p>Parish Administrator Shirley Bailey (<i>Tel. opt 2</i>) shirleybailey@rcdow.org.uk</p> <p>Catechetical & Mission Coordinator Clare Borgeat (<i>Tel. opt. 3</i>) hemeleasticatechist@rcdow.org.uk</p> <p>Hall Bookings Shirley Bailey (<i>Tel. opt 2</i>) hemeleasthallbookings@rcdow.org.uk</p> <p>For office times see the table on the previous page</p>	<p>SATURDAY 27 APRIL EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(OLQ) 10am Spread of the Gospel (OLQ) 5pm Paddy Daniels (RIP)</p>
	<p>SUNDAY 28 APRIL 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>(GH) 9am PT Ulahannan & VK Ulahannan (RIP) (OLQ) 10.30am People of the Parish (OLQ) 12 Noon New Parishioners</p>
	<p>MONDAY 29 APRIL SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH,</p>	<p>(OLQ) 10am Mary McInerney (RIP)</p>
	<p>TUESDAY 30 APRIL EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(OLQ) 10am Ann Rothery (RIP ANNIV)</p>
	<p>THURSDAY 2 MAY SAINT ATHANASIUS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</p>	<p>(GH) 10am Merlyn & Melville Carvalho & Daniele McPherson (RIP ANNIV)</p>
	<p>FRIDAY 3 MAY SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES</p>	<p>(OLQ) 11am Funeral for Yvonne Black (RIP) (OLQ) 7pm Derek Malone (RIP)</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">SAFEGUARDING</h2>	<p>SATURDAY 4 MAY EASTER FERIA</p>	<p>(OLQ) 10am Sean Murnaghan (RIP) ((OLQ) 5pm John Nevin (Birthday)</p>
<p>Parish Safeguarding Contact Sarah Alves hheastsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk</p> <p><i>Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator</i> 020 7798 9356</p>	<p>SUNDAY 5 MAY 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>(GH) 9am People of the Parish (OLQ) 10.30am John Bonnor (RIP) (OLQ) 12 Noon Winifred Jones (1st RIP ANNIV)</p>
<h2 style="margin: 0;">COMING UP...</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS - SEE THE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE</p>		
<p>SUNDAY 28 APRIL</p>	<p><i>12 Noon</i></p>	<p><i>Mass for New Parishioners and Welcome+ Event in Meadow Hall</i></p>
<p>MONDAY 29 APRIL</p>	<p><i>9pm until 9.30pm online Zoom</i></p>	<p><i>GIFT Zoom Meeting - Parent Formation</i></p>
<p>SATURDAY 11 MAY</p>	<p><i>10am until 12 noon</i></p>	<p><i>GIFT Family Mass and Formation</i></p>